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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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## Police respond to weekend protests

By Corryn Brock  
News Editor | @coryn\_brock

During a Back the Blue rally and Black Lives Matter counterprotest Saturday morning, the policing agencies were in attendance to patrol the crowds.

Officers from the Coles County Sheriff's Office, Charleston Police Department and University Police Department were present after having planned for the event.

Charleston Police Chief Chad Reed said the three agencies came together to plan for the event as they do for large crowds.

"It took a lot of planning and a lot of manpower and lot of over time because we knew there would be several hundred people up there and any event like that like fireworks, Red, White and Blue Days, big concerts, things like that; each department agrees to help one another so between the Sheriff's Office and UPD we met several times and planned out how many officers we would need to be able to have the resources to respond to just about anything that would happen," Reed said.

Coles County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Tyler Heleine said he was happy with the communication between the agencies.

"The communication between all three agencies is vital and I thought we did a good job of that. Our main goal with rallies, protests, anything is to ensure it stays peaceful and that people get the opportunity to exercise their voice and their right and that was our goal for that, and so communicating and making sure we had officers in place and we're able to see everything that's going on is what we were doing and how we were communicating," Heleine said.

Officers knew of the rally when it was originally planned for and learned of the counterprotest the



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A Charleston police officer stands in front of attendees of the Back the Blue rally outside the Coles County Courthouse Aug. 29 as the group was face-to-face with Black Lives Matter counterprotesters.

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Eastern student Katelyn Eddington gets ready to go on air at WEIU Tuesday night. WEIU began streaming online last week.

## WEIU now streaming

### Staff Report

WEIU, Eastern's public broadcasting station, is now available to stream live online.

Online streaming, which began last Wednesday, will allow the station to broadcast its entire show to its audience's computers and phones, as well as televisions.

Viewers must provide a location to confirm that they are within WEIU's viewership area. The station broadcasts to 22 counties, and anyone within those counties can access the livestream.

WEIU is a PBS affiliate station, so it is one of several stations nationally which have been able to access PBS' resources to begin providing online viewing.

Ke'an Armstrong, publicity and promotions man-

ager for WEIU, said that the new form of broadcast was implemented to make the station more accessible.

"It's trying to meet the needs of viewers and the different ways folks are watching programs these days," Armstrong said. "If you're wanting to see something and you are somewhere outside of the home where your TV isn't, but you have your mobile device in your hand, you can now stream and watch something on your mobile device on our schedule that's live at that point in time that would have been something you watch at home on your TV."

The livestream is available 24/7 at <https://www.weiu.net>.

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## Charleston City Council meets Tuesday night

By Corryn Brock  
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The Charleston City Council approved a bid for a segmental Garage Door, the removal of the existing bleach tanks, and installation of new bleach tanks at the Water Treatment Plant.

The council accepted the lowest bid which was in the amount of \$15,585.

The lowest bid came from Ed Carter Construction, a company located in Charleston.

The council receive two other bids: a \$54,250 bid from Curry Construction and a \$36,350 bid from Kross Masonry & Restoration, Inc.

Funds for the project will come from the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

According to the resolution, "Ed Carter Construction is an experienced contractor who has done similar work in the past."

Mayor Brandon Combs also made a proclamation during the meeting, proclaiming September 17-23 Constitution Week 2020 in the city.

September 17 marks the 233rd anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution.

According to the proclamation, "it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion."

The proclamation also says the city asks citizens to "reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protect-

ing the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained."

Combs also declared the extension of the of the local state of emergency.

The state of emergency was originally declared due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has continued because of its "sufficient severity."

According to the resolution, "it may result in or threaten the death or illness of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Charleston, and thereby it has warranted an emergency declaration for all state and local government entities and more specifically within the corporate limits of the City of Charleston."

Comb asked that citizens remember to complete the 2020 Census by September 30, the set deadline.

The city loses \$1400 dollars for every citizen who does not fill out the Census.

The council reminds citizens that the Census Bureau will never ask for your social security number, bank account information, credit card information, or anything on behalf of a political party.

No public comments were made during the meeting.

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## STATE NEWS

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## Legislative Black Caucus unveils anti-racism agenda

By Raymon Troncoso  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus released its agenda of "sweeping reforms" meant to address systemic racism in the state at a news conference Tuesday.

The agenda is focused on four pillars of policy: Criminal justice reform, violence and police accountability; education and workforce development; economic access, equity and opportunity; and health care and human services.

State Senate Majority Leader and ILBC Chair Kimberly Lightford opened her remarks at the news conference by noting, "This is the moment that I have dreamed of, that I have prayed for, that I have worked towards my entire life."

"This is a time when I stand on my parents' shoulders, and their parents' shoulders, and their parents' shoulders and their parent's shoulders," she said. "We're finally here ... today as the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, to present to you our agenda to end systemic racism that has oppressed our people for as long as we've ever known."

The news conference focused on the first pillar as the ILBC emphasized a need for ending mass incarceration, enacting police reform and strategically investing and redirecting state funding to reduce violence in Illinois communities.

"We respect, admire and honor our officers. But legislatively, we must address bad actors and racism in law enforcement," Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, said. "Here in [Chicago], Blacks make up 75 percent of the CPD shootings, 30 percent of the population — come on now."

The news conference was held at the Westside Justice Center, a Chicago-based legal-aid clinic that provides legal assistance to low-income and underserved communities in the city. Three speakers from the Center shared testimony of systemic racism in Illinois.



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State Sen. Eglie Sims Jr., D-Chicago, delivers remarks during the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' unveiling of its agenda for the fall veto session. Also pictured are state Sen. Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood, and state Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago.

Brendan Shiller, civil rights attorney and founder of the Justice Center, was one of those speakers.

"This city had more than 500 murders before September... We have a flood of pain coming to our communities over the next several months and couple years," he said. "We know how to stop the flood, we know how to stop crime and violence. It's education, it's health care, it's housing, it's mental health, it's jobs, it's youth recreation — this ain't a secret."

According to Shiller, after Chicago had 771 recorded murders in 2016 — the most since 1996 — a sizable investment into youth employment that created 40,000 more jobs in 2017 led to decreased crime the following three years.

Lightford also announced a series of hearings to discuss each pillar of the

ILBC agenda that would continue until lawmakers return for the fall veto session.

The first such hearing took place shortly after the news conference Tuesday, with the Senate Criminal Law and Special Committee on Public Safety holding a joint hearing on police training and the use of force.

The hearing stretched beyond three hours and was at times contentious.

Discussion regarding punishment for officers who violate use-of-force standards and ending qualified immunity were tabled for later hearings so that training, hiring and accountability practices would remain the focus of the hearing.

Individuals from the American Civil Liberties Union and the University of Illinois at Chicago gave conflicting testimony to that of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in regard to

appropriate use of force and racism and white supremacy infiltrating and affecting police departments.

They also disagreed on the degree to which the "Blue Wall" — an alleged phenomenon where officers will not report other officers who have broken the law or engaged in gross misconduct — is a problem in law enforcement.

All parties agreed on the need for more data, with many noting it is problematic that reporting on use-of-force varies for each department and jurisdiction. Both law enforcement representatives and police-reform activists requested that universal standards for reporting use-of-force be modified into law, as well as making enforcement data more accessible for study by public institutions and legislative bodies.

## State announces further mitigations in Metro East area

By Rebecca Anzel  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — State officials Tuesday announced additional efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the Metro East area along the Missouri border as the first wave of restrictions yielded no effect on the region's virus positivity rate.

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported a seven-day rolling test positivity average of 9.6 percent in Region 4, which includes the Metro East area, as of Saturday. Officials previously said mitigation strategies would be implemented in regions experiencing a positivity rate of at least 8 percent for three consecutive days.

Residents in the Metro East area, as of Wednesday, will be unable to consume food or alcohol inside a restaurant or bar. All such establishments must close at 11 p.m. daily and reopen after 6 a.m., and residents are prohibited from congregat-

ing indoors for any reason.

Social gatherings will be limited to the lesser of 25 guests or one quarter of a room's capacity. Party buses will be banned from operating and visitation to long-term care facilities will continue to be forbidden.

The initial restrictions took effect two weeks ago, but the virus positivity has only increased since they were implemented. Gov. JB Pritzker has called it a "mistake" that he did not implement the stricter bar and restaurant restrictions earlier.

According to a news release, public health officials will monitor the region's positivity rate. If that rate drops to 6.5 percent or lower over the next two weeks, residents can observe the state's Phase 4 guidance. If the positivity rate increases or remains stagnant over the same time period, officials will consider "more stringent mitigations."

The new mitigations are on par with those imposed for Region 7 last week, which includes Will and

## Midwestern states form transportation diversity committee

By Rebecca Anzel  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A coalition of 10 state transportation agencies, including Illinois', announced the creation of a diversity panel last week to develop "fairness and inclusion" at work sites, the group's president said.

The committee has not yet held a meeting, a spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Transportation said in an email, but its establishment "has been in the works for a while." Members of the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Agencies will share methods and programs designed to diversify their practices.

Illinois currently participates in the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, which is mandated by the U.S. Congress and overseen by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Through the initiative, which began in 1980 and was most recently reapproved in 2015, funds are allocated to projects contracted by states to be com-

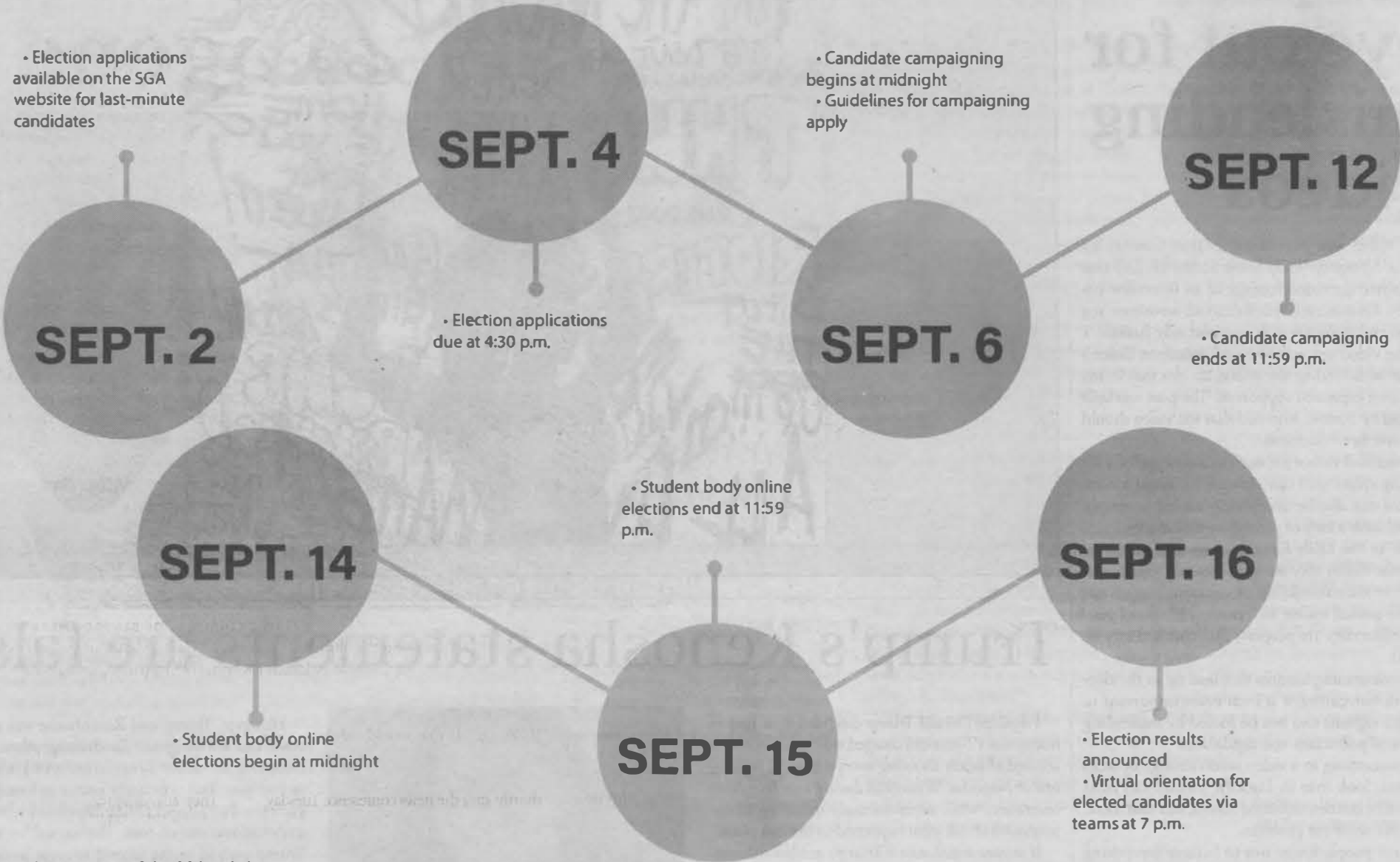
pleted by "firms owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual," according to the program's website.

At least 10 percent of federal dollars available for transportation-related projects must be spent with those disadvantaged businesses. A spokesperson for IDOT said in an email that in 2019, it reached a DBE Program participation mark of 17.07 percent. He added that is the largest percentage it achieved in six years and was in increase of 2 percentage points from the year prior.

State Sen. Cristina Castro, a Democrat from Elgin, said she is "proud" the coalition of state transportation departments created the diversity committee.

"COVID-19 and the recent protests have shined a light on the struggles people of color face on a daily basis, so it's encouraging to see state agencies across the Midwest making initiative to look inward and self-evaluate to see where they fall short on issues of diversity," she said in a written statement.

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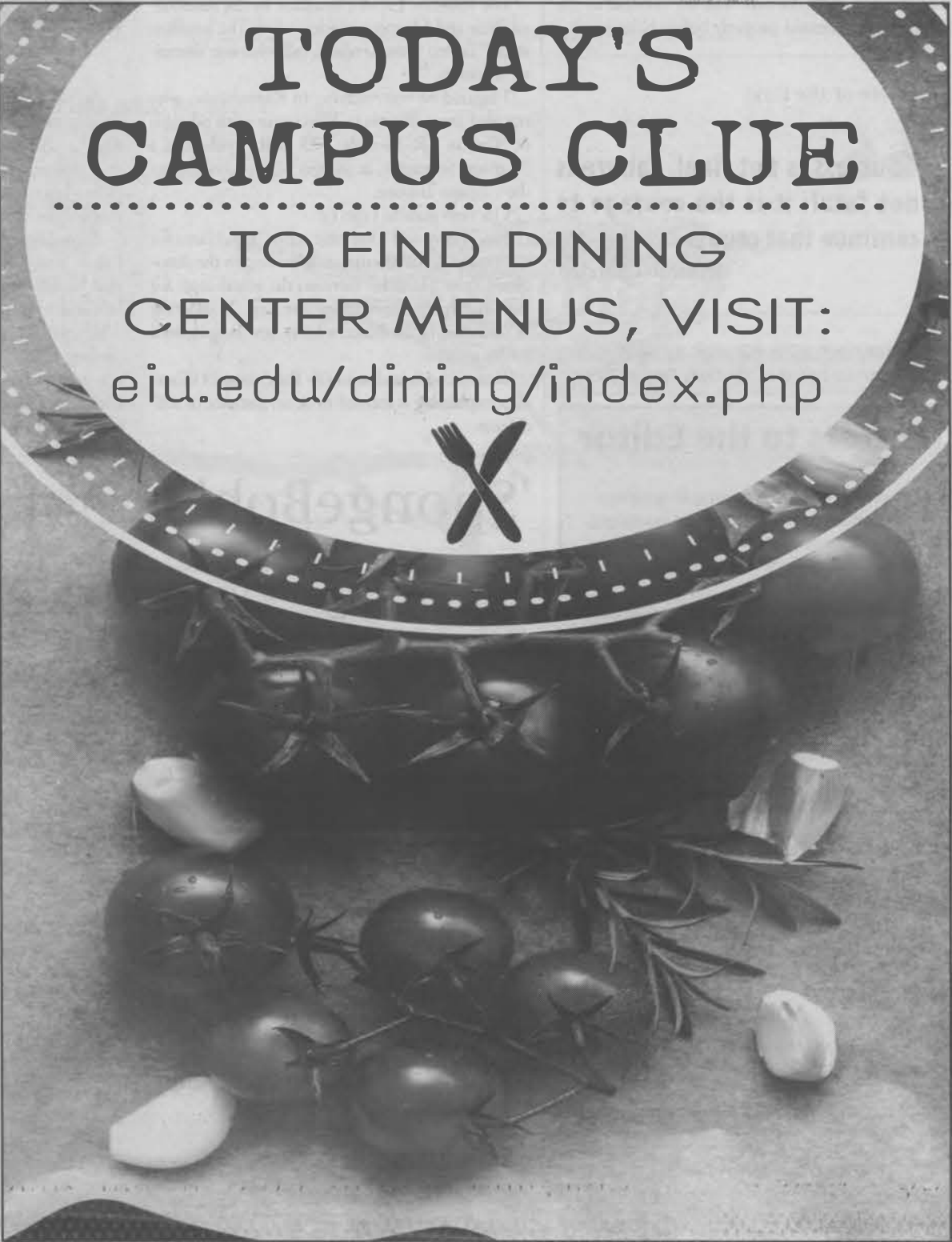
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## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Keep an eye out for misleading videos

A video was posted on Twitter Sunday by House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) that contained doctored footage of an interview between Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and disability rights activist Ady Barkan.

The video was edited to misrepresent Biden's stance of defunding the police, an idea that Biden has never expressed support of. The post was later deleted by Scalise, who said that the video should not have been doctored.

Doctored videos are not the only type of misleading videos that can circulate on social media. Videos can also be deceptively edited or simply posted with a lack of context or explanation.

We at The Daily Eastern News urge people to not take videos they see online at face value. Videos that are misleading or contain false claims can be posted online and reach millions of people before they are properly fact checked or corrected.

In the coming months that lead up to the election in November, it is even more important to remain vigilant and not be fooled by misleading videos of politicians and candidates.

If something in a video seems strange or lacks context, look into it. Luckily, Twitter can label posts that contain doctored media, but that alone does not solve the problem.

Most people know not to believe everything they see online, but some misleading videos are shared by people that we should trust. Regardless of the source, make sure that the content in the video is represented properly before believing it.

## Quote of the Day:

**"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."**

Winston Churchill

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BY LOGAN RASCHKE

## Trump's Kenosha statements are false

President Donald Trump defended Kyle Rittenhouse, the 17-year-old charged with murder who is accused of fatally shooting two people and injuring one at Kenosha, Wisconsin during a violent demonstration, while simultaneously spreading misinformation about what happened in the first place.

If anyone wasn't sure if Trump's reckless misstatements pose threats to our nation's security on a daily basis, now there is no debate.

On Tuesday, I read a headline in the Associated Press and felt some sudden relief. The headline reads "Trump visits Kenosha, calls violence 'domestic terrorism.'"

I figured he was referring to Rittenhouse, who traveled from Illinois to Wisconsin with a Smith & Wesson AR-15-style .223 caliber rifle and a 30-round magazine, as charges allege, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Oh, how gullible I can be.

No, Trump said "domestic terror" is to blame for the violent demonstrations, according to the Associated Press. He didn't mention the actual cause for the Kenosha demonstrations: the Aug. 23 shooting of unarmed Jacob Blake, who is now hospitalized for his injuries.

Trump continued to justify Rittenhouse's shootings, explaining it seemed to be an instance of self-defense.



Logan Raschke

According to the Associated Press, this is what Trump said during a news conference on Monday: "... And he (Rittenhouse) fell, and then they very violently attacked him ... But I guess he was in very big trouble. He would have been — I — he probably would have been killed."

According to the criminal complaint from prosecutors, Joseph Rosenbaum was shot and killed first after he followed Rittenhouse, threw a plastic bag at him and tried to take the gun.

After this happened, Rittenhouse tripped, according to the footage. This is when Anthony Huber, who carried a skateboard, was shot and killed after attempting to take away his weapon, according to the criminal complaint.

However, Trump said Rittenhouse was already down and at a dangerous disadvantage when "they," assuming he meant Rosenbaum and Huber, attacked him. This is factually untrue as footage suggests the first alleged killing happened when Rittenhouse was still on foot. The second "attack," as Trump puts it, or the second attempt to take the weapon, as prosecutors put it, happened after Rittenhouse tripped.

By justifying Rittenhouse's actions, Trump is consequently telling the rest of the nation that attending a violent demonstration with a gun and adding more unrest, insanity and threats to safety, and possibly even killing people in the process, is OK.

If you don't see how this is extremely dangerous, I don't know how to persuade you otherwise.

The least Trump could have done was tell Americans not to come to protests, riots and other demonstrations, violent or not, with any kind of gun. He could have at least waited for more information to come out during the trial before making his assessment. He could have at least got the facts right.

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## 'SpongeBob' is not quite what it used to be

I have a lot of thoughts about the Nickelodeon series "SpongeBob SquarePants." I am sharing these thoughts for no other reason than the fact that I have a platform to do so.

I grew up with "SpongeBob." The show premiered in May of 1999 when I was five years old. Needless to say, I was a fan.

I remained a fan through the show's first three seasons and the end credits of "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," which was released in November 2004, one month after my 11th birthday. It was an excellent film, with even the Pulitzer-winning film critic of the Chicago Sun Times, Roger Ebert, giving it three out of four stars.

Unfortunately for all, SpongeBob's star soon faded, and now the show is an empty husk of its former self.

The movie was originally intended to be the finale of the series, but the movie's success put the show back into production where it has remained ever since.

The show should have ended in 2004, along with the career of Jimmy Fallon after his starring role in the impossibly awful movie "Taxi."

Prior to the start of the show's fourth season,



Adam Tumino

SpongeBob was a somewhat intelligent, well-meaning and ultimately likeable character. Since, he has become an obnoxious and idiotic vehicle for subpar jokes and gross visual gags.

Yes, I am a 26-year-old man publicly complaining about a children's TV series. But that does not mean that I am not correct.

The first three seasons of "SpongeBob" produced some surprisingly complex jokes and genuinely brilliant comic moments.

For example, in the episode where SpongeBob and Patrick mistakenly think that Squid-

ward is a ghost and he convinces them to become his servants, they carry him in a throne outside. They take him to one spot and he says, "too hot." They move him further. He says, "too cold." They move him further still, until they are in front of a Post-Impressionist French painting, and Squidward says, "Toulouse-Lautrec."

In another brilliant episode, SpongeBob and Patrick are terrorized by a butterfly that has been trapped in a bubble. It is shown in closeups with a real butterfly's face. The entire city descends into chaos as the townspeople flee this tiny monster.

Maybe I am being too critical of new "SpongeBob" episodes. After all, there are bigger problems in the world that the diminished quality of a cartoon.

Actually, no there aren't. The quality of "SpongeBob" cannot be allowed to decrease any more. Something must be done. It has been 16 years in the waiting.

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week it occurred.

Reed said they had been in close contact with the organizers from the Back the Blue rally beforehand but was only able to speak with the organizers of the Black Lives Matter rally a few times before Saturday.

"The Back the Blue rally had been planned for a couple of months and kept us in the loop on how many people they expected and went through the city council to get street closures. The Black Lives Matter Protest didn't, they never reached out to us, we had to find the organizers and contact them and that wasn't until a couple of days before the protest," Reed said. "I had spoken with their organizer and the assistant organizer three times so we could get them a space to have their protest and we decided they could have the entire north side of the square."

Reed said the Black Lives Matter counterprotest organizer promised to stay on the north side of the courthouse.

"They assured me they would stay on the north side and not intermingle with the other rally that was going on and everybody would keep on their side and get their messages out and have plenty of space that way nobody felt uncomfortable and obviously that's not the way that ended up," Reed said.

Brianna Hull-Dennis, sophomore communications major and main organizer of the Black Lives Matter counterprotest said that no such promise was made.

After groups met, officers in the area quickly gathered to separate the two crowds.

Reed said the intention was to try to keep either group from getting heated up.



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A Black Lives Matter counterprotester speaks with a police officer in front of the Coles County Courthouse when the counterprotest and Back the Blue rally came together on Aug. 29.

"The biggest factor was to keep everyone separated to ensure the safety of everybody at the event but also allow both groups to get their message out."

-UPD Chief Kent Martin

"When the BLM folks went down to the south side, after they assured me they wouldn't, they ended up down there and we saw that there was confrontations that were starting between the groups so we formed a line in between them so nothing physical would happen and we got both groups back a little bit and got them some distance to cool off a bit," Reed said.

University Police Department Chief Kent Martin said they wanted to get the sides separated and ask one to leave in an attempt to diffuse tensions.

"We tried to keep everyone separated as best we could, emotions on both

sides were running very high so the officers, myself included, put ourselves in the crowd to keep the opposing sides away from each other so there was no physical confrontation of any type and after that we got some of the folks at the rally to go ahead and leave and disperse because that side's event was over and a lot of them were in the process of leaving anyway so in any kind of demonstration where you have two groups that are opposed to each other, if you can get one party to leave then the other group doesn't have anyone to engage with or go back and forth with, so it diffuses the situation," Martin said.

Martin said he wanted to keep safety a priority but allow the groups to share their point of view.

"The biggest factor was to keep everyone separated to ensure the safety of everybody at the event but also to allow both groups to get their message out," Martin said.

Many people wanted to know after the protest why so many officers were not wearing masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Heleine said officers try to wear masks but there were communication issues on Saturday.

"Our officers do their best to wear a mask. I'm sure if everyone looked around, I'm sure there were times they saw officers wearing a mask," Heleine said. "The times they didn't it was mostly because of communication issues."

The five members of The Daily Eastern News staff who attended the event did not see any officer from any agency wearing a face mask from the time the staff arrived around 9:45 a.m. as can be seen in live stream coverage.

Reed, Martin and Heleine all stated that the reason for not wearing masks was because it hindered their ability to effectively communicate with other officers.

"The music was loud, there were people screaming and yelling and in order to effectively give somebody verbal commands and effectively be able to speak on the radio clearly, you just can't do that with a mask on," Reed said. "We wouldn't be able to direct the crowd or each other with a mask on."

"We were social distanced until the two groups came together and when the two groups came together it was very difficult to give commands and be heard while we had a mask on," Martin said. "The mask mutes your voice a lot...the mask was making it virtually impossible to give commands."

"When both sides came together, our officers at a certain point didn't have any choice. We couldn't hear each other and so that is why when people saw officers not wearing masks. There was a point where I put a mask on and they couldn't hear me so for the safety and effective communication to make sure everyone was safe, there was a time there where we took our masks off and just tried to keep our distance from people. It was a call we made for communication purposes and we also thought that we could sustain social distancing for the most part," Heleine said. "I know as things got closer it didn't appear that way but again, I needed my officers to be able to not only communicate with us but also with people from both sides."

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Members of the Kappa Delta sorority take group pictures before virtual recruitment Tuesday afternoon at Greek Court. Kappa Delta members explained they are "excited for virtual recruitment tonight."

## The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**

1 Small building blocks

6 Wisecracking bear of film

9 Things finished with handshakes

14 Specifically

15 Certain craft beer, for short

16 Something that is bid

17 Animal known scientifically as Alces alces

18 Breathful

19 Church Lady's foe

20 Reduced-fat option

23 Relaxation station

24 Imitates

25 Entree baked in a tin

29 Apt rhyme for "casino"

30 Sch. in Ypsilanti

33 Mobile device that debuted in 2016

36 Poop

37 Forensic letters

38 Father

39 Highly sought-after restaurant rating

44 State-of-the-art

45 Zeus's weapon

46 Things often found near cloverleaves

47 Cause of ruin

48 Post-\_\_\_ (some hosp. patients)

49 It may require letters, a number and a special character — as seen in 20-, 33- and 39-Across

56 Certain school athletics

57 Links org.

58 Bit of paperless reading
- DOWN**

1 \_\_\_ card

2 Friendly honk

3 "I'm in pain! I'm in pain!"

4 Traditional Japanese seasoning

5 Intercedes

6 Princess' headwear

7 Greater than great

8 Adventure seeker

9 Affix with adhesive

10 Actress Amy with six Oscar nominations

11 Commercial lead-in to card

12 Blue-green shade

13 Like many ships in the Bermuda Triangle

21 Something waved in the Olympics

22 Option that's almost always listed last

25 Mountain climber's aid

26 Venture a thought

60 Unit in a baby announcement

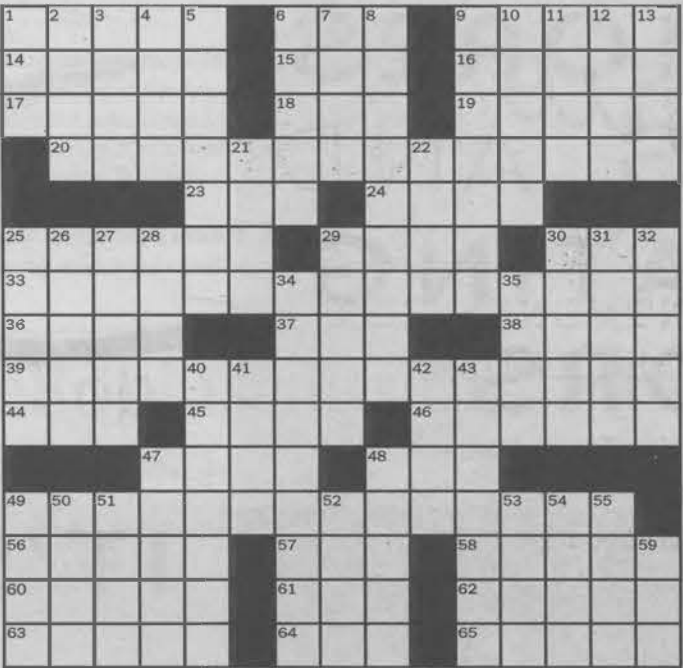
61 "Yikes!"

62 Place for a beverage cart

63 Dwindle, with "out"

64 Part of the D.O.J.

65 Quick to snap



- PUZZLE BY AMANDA CHUNG AND KARL NI
- 27 Cast

28 Many a hymn, essentially

29 "Undo" button

30 Select few

31 Unframed artwork

32 Clientele

34 Lugged

35 "Hey! Over here!"

40 Goldman Sachs or Morgan Stanley employee, informally

41 Capitol Hill org.

42 Little pranksters

43 "Easy peasy!"

47 Bowling game

48 Tennis pro Naomi

49 Subway station

50 "I'd have to agree"

51 Tweetstorm, e.g.

52 Pulitzer-winning James

53 Award co-administered by the American Theater Wing since 2014

54 One of the friends on "Friends"

55 Bonehead

59 Aid for a decoder

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# Top returning players for the Panthers

In just a few short seasons, the Eastern women's basketball team has gone from the bottom of the OVC to a legitimate threat to win the conference.

The Panthers returned to practice Tuesday for the first time this semester. The players who were freshmen three years ago when Eastern went 3-26 in head coach Matt Bollant's first season are now the senior leaders on a team that went 19-12 last season.

When the season will actually begin is still unknown, but as the Panthers prepare, let's look back to their breakout season last year and which players should be major factors this season.

**Karle Pace**

This upcoming season will be the last for guard Karle Pace. In her three years at Eastern, she has carved out a career as one of the most accomplished players in the program's history.

On Feb. 13 against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Pace became just the 25th player in Eastern history to reach 1,000 career points. She has also upped her scoring average in every season of her career so far, scoring 8.6 points per game as a freshman, 13.9 as a sophomore and 15 as a junior, which ranked fifth in the OVC.

She also ranked second in the conference in three-point percentage (.416), third in steals per game (2.1), 11th in assists per game (3.2) and fourth in assist/turnover ratio (1.4).

Pace was named an All-OVC First Team player last season for the first time in her career.



**Adam Tumino**

**Taylor Steele**

Joining Pace and Grace McRae as one of three players who has been at Eastern since the 2017-18 season, Taylor Steele was once again one of the Panthers' top scoring threats last season, despite missing 10 games to illness.

Steele finished fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 10.5 points per game. She also ranked third on the team in three-point percentage (.352) and rebounds per game (4.4), pulling down a career-high 13 rebounds on Dec. 1, 2019, against Lipscomb.

**Abby Wahl**

Forward Abby Wahl took a major step forward last season as a sophomore.

She nearly doubled her scoring average from her freshman campaign, raising it from 6.3 points per game to 11.8, the latter of which ranked 13th in the OVC and second on the team. Wahl led the Panthers with 5.4 rebounds per game.

She was also the most efficient scorer on the Panthers, leading the team with a field goal percentage of .464, which ranked seventh in the conference.



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Eastern's Lariah Washington handles the ball near the top of the key in a game against Murray State. Washington has 11 points and 4 steals in the game.

Wahl scored a career-high 23 points in the Panthers' early-season matchup with Big Ten opponent Wisconsin.

**Lariah Washington**

Pace was not the only Eastern player to be named First-Team All-OVC

last season. Lariah Washington also received that honor, in addition to being named as the OVC Freshman of the Year.

Washington was third on the team in scoring, averaging 11.2 points per game. This ranked 16th in the conference and made her the highest-scoring freshman in the OVC. Washington

also ranked eighth in the conference with a field goal percentage of .463.

She scored 35 points against Murray State on Jan. 30, the second-most points ever scored by an Eastern freshman.

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# Men's soccer coach looks ahead to 1st season

By Nick Bays

Men's Soccer Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

New Eastern men's soccer head coach Ronnie Bouemboue was in high spirits when speaking about his team and noted that even during the pandemic, he and his team are going forward with positive attitudes.

The COVID-19 pandemic has limited the team's ability to grow and develop together on the field, especially considering 10 new players are being added to the roster with 15 returning players from last season.

However, Bouemboue said he is not too worried about that lack of time together. Instead, he views it as a unique position that allows him the opportunity to build a strong foundation with his players for the spring, which is potentially when the soccer team is expected to play its season.

With this being Bouemboue's first season with the Panthers, he said the idea of building a strong foundation for him was key. Even amid the pandemic, he still wanted to promote growth from all of his players and emphasized the importance of academic, athletic and personal development along with the idea of engaging in community service.

With last semester moving to online classes halfway through, Bouemboue said he was proud of his team for still having an average GPA of 3.58 and hopes to replicate that academic performance again

this year.

When asked about his objectives for this season, he said he wanted to make sure he is helping his players grow as people, and he is focused on individual and group development from his team. With practices set to resume later this week, Bouemboue said his team is excited to be back out on the field again working toward success.

He said his team is feeling "a little bit of everything," given what is going on with the pandemic. However, he said the team is just excited to "get the ball rolling," and he is looking forward to getting his team ready for the season that lies ahead.

Bouemboue is approaching this first season as an opportunity to establish a competitive, winning culture, even with having to adjust to the new safety guidelines. He said that he has a "clean slate" to work with for his first season and even though he is still evaluating his team, he believes this gives him a chance to really implement an effective, attacking style of play that focuses on disciplined defending while still applying pressure on the other team.

Bouemboue said he has accepted the fact that with the pandemic raging on and having to practice this fall with his team not being able to play this spring, these factors may make it difficult to find motivation amid the chaos. However, he said that he is so proud of the players for how they have handled them-



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
Eastern goalkeeper Jonathan Burke makes a diving save off a rebound shot against Omaha on Oct. 19, 2019 at Lake-side Field.

selves, adding that their attitudes have been exceptional.

He also said his time working with other coaches at different universities has helped him learn a lot, and he hopes to bring that knowl-

edge and wisdom to Eastern. When asked about what to expect from the Panthers this season, he said everyone should expect to see a team that is going to work hard and competing night in and night

out. The team will start practicing later this week.

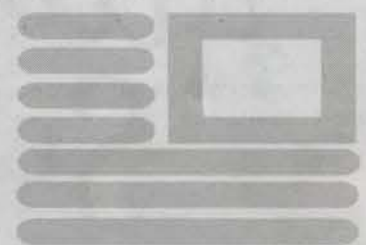
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